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For: ONE-PIECE CLOSED-SHAPE )  
STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF )  
FORMING SAME )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include 66 attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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